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**August 10, 2000 Meeting Summary
26 in attendance**

1. Our first presentation was from Dave Wintz of IDEM. He presented the latest draft of the Indiana Mercury Reduction Pledge Program for Health Care Facilities. IDEM is very close to kicking off this program. Every member of the Hospital Advisory Group will receive a mailing and information on how to take the pledge. IDEM will also mail the information to other stakeholders in hospitals such as CEOs and Wellness Managers.
2. Dave Wintz of IDEM next talked about the mercury thermometer exchange that was held on August 8, 2000 in Richmond in conjunction with Reid Hospital and Health Services. The exchange was a big success. We collected 187 mercury-containing thermometers and one jar of elemental mercury. IDEM thanks all at Reid Hospital who helped us make this event a success.
3. Next, we viewed a videotape, "Mercury and the Healthcare Professional," produced by the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance. This tape lays out some of the places that mercury is found in a healthcare facility and the reasons why we should reduce our use of mercury-containing items. Many in the room suggested that they could use such a tape for in-house training and other purposes. Dave Wintz will pursue obtaining copy permission and will mail a copy to all those that requested one at the meeting. If you would like a copy of this video, call Dave Wintz at (800) 988-7901 or (317) 233-1194.
4. We covered miscellaneous items next.

Thanks to Harry Morgan of Wishard Hospital for delivering an article, "Your options for mercury emissions control," from the magazine Environmental Protection. Please call Dave Wintz for a copy or visit www.eponline.com to view this article. The article appears in the August 2000 issue.

Many in the room asked for copies of the legislation in other cities or counties that ban the sale of mercury-containing items. Dave will work on getting this to everyone and post it on the hospital portion of IDEM's web site.